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ETHIOPIAN HERALD OF APRIL 14TH CARRIES TEXT OF OAU WARNING
TO UNHCR. FULL TEXT FOLLOWS:

"THE STATEMENT MADE ON APRIL 1, 1976 BY THE UNITED NATIONS

HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR REFUGEES THAT 'ACCORDING TO THE TERMS
OF HIS MANDATE THE UNHCR STANDS READY TO PROVIDE THESE
REFUGEES WITH WHATEVER HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE THEY MAY
REQUIRE' HAS BEEN RECEIVED BY THE OAU WITH GREAT DIS-
APPOINTMENT. "IT IS A MATTER FOR JGRET THAT THE UNHCR
HAS NOT CONSIDERED IT WORTHWHILE TO CONSULT THE OAU AND
THE ENTIRE MEMBERS OF THE NAMIBIA COUNCIL ON THIS MATTER
BEFORE MAKING ITS DECISION. "IT IS WELL KNOWN TO THE OAU
THAT THE DECISION OF THE UNHCR TO HELP THE SO-CALLED
ANGOLAN REFUGEES IN NAMIBIA WAS THE DIRECT RESPONSE TO THE
REQUEST OF THE SOUTH AFRICAN GOVERNMENT WHICH WAS MADE THROUGH
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ITS PERMANENT MISSION IN GENEVA TO TJ UNHCR.

"WHATEVER THE HUMANITARIAN MOTIVATIONS OF THE UNHCR, IT MUST BE CLEAR THAT ITS ACTION TANTAMOUNTS (SIC) TO A DE FACTO RECOGNITION OF THE SOUTH AFRICAN ILLEGAL REGIME IN NAMIBIA.

" SWAPO THE AUTHENTIC REPRESENTATIVE OF THE NAMIBIA PEOPLE RECOGNIZED AS SUCH BOTH BY THE OAU AND THE UN EXPRESSED ITS FIRM OPPOSITION TO UNHCR'S INTENTION. UNHCR IS WARNED TO CALL OFF THIS IDEA AND NOT ALLOW ITSELF TO BE MISLED BY SOME PRO-SOUTH AFRICAN DO-GOODERS IN THAT OFFICE."
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